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Box No. I Basis of the opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

This opinion is based on a translation from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:

 - international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
 - publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
 - international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)
2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this opinion has been established on the basis of (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this opinion as "originally filed."*):

the international application as originally filed/furnished

the description:

pages _____ as originally filed/furnished

pages _____ received by this Authority on _____

pages _____ received by this Authority on _____

the claims:

pages _____ as originally filed/furnished

pages _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19

pages _____ received by this Authority on _____

pages _____ received by this Authority on _____

the drawings:

pages _____ as originally filed/furnished

pages _____ received by this Authority on _____

pages _____ received by this Authority on _____

a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) – see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.
3. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

the description, pages _____

the claims, Nos. _____

the drawings, sheets/figs _____

the sequence listing (*specify*): _____

any table(s) related to the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
4. This opinion has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

the description, pages _____

the claims, Nos. _____

the drawings, sheets/figs _____

the sequence listing (*specify*): _____

any table(s) related to the sequence listing (*specify*): _____

Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>2, 5-11, 13-15, 17-20, 22-25</u>
	Claims	<u>1, 3, 4, 12, 16, 21, 26, 27</u>
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	<u>5-11, 13-15, 17-20, 22-25</u>
	Claims	<u>1-4, 12, 16, 21, 26, 27</u>
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1-27</u>
	Claims	

2. Citations and explanations:

The claimed invention

The claimed invention relates to a method and a system for providing access via a first network to a service of a second network.

The following documents were cited in the International Search Report:

D1: WO 0232084 A
D2: WO 02067617 A
D3: US 2002056001 A1

D1 describes a communication network system comprising at least one first network and at least one second network providing application services over the first network. D1 describes in more detail on page 12 lines 15-24 that the mobile-terminated call/session setup message from the CSCF can be defined to contain also a user identifier like IMSI, which is the subscriber identity at GPRS level. The GGSN checks all the mobile-terminated call setup messages and compares them against its list of active IMSIs and the corresponding IP addresses. This check is a form of authentication of the mobile terminal.

According to the claimed invention, a specific authentication message is used to signal a service selection information to the second network. As D1 discloses the use of a setup message and that this setup message may contain information to be used to authenticate the mobile terminal, the method of D1 is the same as the one of the claimed invention. Consequently, the claimed invention as in claims 1, 3, 4, 12, 16, 21, 26 and 27 is not novel.

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Supplemental Box

In case the space in any of the preceding boxes is not sufficient.

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D1 discloses method in use with GPRS networks or IP-based networks. However, it is considered to require no inventive skills to apply the method to a constellation where the first network is a wireless local area network. Consequently, the claimed invention as in claim 2 is considered to lack an inventive step.